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INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENTS  
IN CHINA DURING FIRST HALF OF 1953

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[Summary: Under the Basic Construction Program in Communist China, many centers are being industrialized. This report presents information on the industrial developments in various centers located in the Northeast, North China, Southwest and Central and South China administrative areas during the first half of 1953.]

Under the Basic Construction Program during the first half of 1953, Communist China is making a great effort to promote her industries. Statistics showing progress on industrial construction in the various administrative areas in China are given below.

Northeast Administrative Area

Plans to develop 25 important centers during 1953 located in the Northeast Administrative Area are as follows:

Amount of investment: 817,600,000 yuan

Building and repair of roads: 2,900,000 square meters

Waterways and gas pipes: 260 kilometers

Installation of street lights: 5,000

Planting of trees: 9,630,000

Roads to be constructed in An-shan: 1,140,000 square meters

Amount to be spent in sewage disposal project in Fu-shun: one-fifth of Fu-shun construction fund

The 1953 construction program of Mukden, which started in April, includes the following:

Road construction: 17 roads, consisting of 427,000 square meters

Waterways: 20,763 meters

Sewers: 8,500 meters

Buildings: 4,700 square meters

Excavations: 635,000 cubic meters

North China Administrative Area

The 1953 plans for developing areas near T'ai-yuan and Tientsin are given below:

1. T'ai-yuan

Length of 4-lane bridge crossing Fen Ho: 1 li [1/3 mile]

Water systems: 2 water supply plants

Ducts: 53 li

Waterways: 17,940 meters

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2. Tientsin, Chin-chung Ho System

Sewers: 4.4 kilometers

Water pipes: 6,400 meters, serving some 50,000 people

Electrically operated water pump stations: 3 stations, totaling 640 horsepower

Southwest Administrative Area

For the first quarter of 1953, Chungking plans to build 104 kilometers of roads and to start on some 100 construction projects.

Central-South China Administrative Area

Because of its proximity to the Ta-yeh Iron Mine and the Ping-hsien Coal Mine, Hsiang-t'an [ 112 51 E 27 54 N], a commercial port in Hunan, is rapidly becoming an industrial center. Several thousand longshoremen and more than 10,000 construction workers are engaging in the development of Hsiang-t'an. Moreover, many new plants are being built to support its industrial development. The Hsiang-t'an Textile Mill has more than 1,000 automatic looms and several tens of thousands of spindles.

Plans to develop other areas and plants in the Central-South China Administrative Area during 1953 include:

Huang-shih: Building a highway 30 meters in width; constructing dormitories and sanitoriums

Cheng-chou: Starting building projects, some 300,000 square meters in area

Plant 2829 [state-operated]: Increasing its area by some 60,000 square meters

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